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CONCORDIA HONOURS STUDENT-ATHLETES

Dexter John and **Cassandra Bardo** garnered top honours tonight at the 17th Annual Concordia Athletic Awards Banquet.

Dexter, a two-time All-Canadian for the Stinger championship basketball team was selected as the Male Athlete of the Year. He was voted the Most Valuable Player of the Quebec Student Sports Federation as he directed the Stingers to their fifth consecutive league title and an opening round victory over the Western Ontario Mustangs in the CIAU Nationals.

Cassie, a second-year middle-blocker, led the Stingers to their most successful season to date. She was selected Most Valuable Player at the Queen's Invitational and all-star at the McGill and Ottawa Tournaments en route to being named to the QSSF all-star team and Quebec's nominee for All-Canadian honours.

Eleanor Chan, a graduate of the John Abbott College programme, was awarded the Female Rookie of the Year award. Chan, an all-star at the McGill Invitational Tournament, was a pivotal player in the volleyball team's playoff drive.

Giovanni Petrella, who earned national acclaim in his rookie season, was named the Male Rookie of the Year. The former Vanier College standout was a league all-star, conference Rookie of the Year and the Ontario-Quebec Intercollegiate Football Conference nominee for the Peter Gorman Trophy.

Pat Ryan was named the recipient of the Ron Lapointe Award. Pat, Co-Captain and MVP of the hockey team, served on several athletic committees and has been instrumental in helping improve on-campus spirit. A tireless competitor, Pat has demonstrated that same enthusiasm off the ice.

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Julie Klotz, a veteran of the Quebec University Ski Circuit and former national team member, received the Denise Beaudet Award for outstanding contributions to the department. Although Julie's skiing performance this season was limited due to injuries, she continued to contribute to the team's success. Julie has been instrumental as an assistant coach and has spent countless hours in promoting the team's activities.

Christine Durrant of the women's basketball team was selected Manager of the Year, while Laura Leslie received the Athletic Therapy Award. Julie Lacasse, a member of the National Rugby Team and Emerson Thomas of the men's basketball team were citedfor being the department's fittest athletes. Special Merit Awards were presented to Scott Motlik, Brian Anderson, Richard Ayotte, Henrik Lystager, Duane Baird, Jean-François Joyal, Ginnie Brule and Robert Ferguson.

	MVP		ROOKIE
Alpine Skiing (F)	Judy Ameli		Stephanie Daigneault
Alpine Skiing (M)	Mark Tilden		François Boulais
Basketball (F)	Tanya Guitman		Pat Demers
Basketball (M)	Emerson Thomas		Gaetan Prosper
Football	John MacDonald		Giovanni Petrella
Hockey (F)	Laura Leslie		Kellie Rae Ryan
Hockey (M)	Pat Ryan		Angelo Karitsiotis
Rugby (F)	Linda Miller		Natascha Wesch
Rugby (M)	Brett Hansen		Sistino Colatosti
Soccer (F) *Co-MVP's	Dee Miller & Astrid	Me1	
Soccer (M)	Chris Rose	Co-Rookies	Dwayne Dear & Mauro Biello
Volleyball	Cassandra Bardo		Eleanor Chan
Track & Field (F)	Elfrida Taylor		Karen Chapman
Track & Field (M)	Sanjiv Thomas		Charles Joseph
Wrestling	Akira Higuchi		David Wilson